

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 22, and 23 are pending, claims 17-21 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, by this paper.

Claims 17, 18, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jones, WO 03/102683 A1. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bryan-Brown et al., US 2005/0062919 A1. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-21 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer to filing a continuation application containing claims 17-21, in order to place this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, the rejections of claims 17, 18, and 21, and 17-21 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 22, and 23 were allowed.

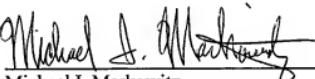
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-16, 22, and 23 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 212-596-0583.

Respectfully submitted,

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